FINAL BILL REPORT SB 5466

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying criminal history record information compliance audit provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Carrell, Kohl-Welles and King; by request of Washington State Patrol.

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections House Committee on Public Safety

Background: The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is the central repository for criminal history record information for the state of Washington. Local criminal justice agencies are required by law to submit felony and gross misdemeanor arrest and disposition information to WSP, where it is included in a central database. The Criminal Records Privacy Act governs the disclosure and dissemination of criminal history information.

WSP must conduct annual audits to ensure all disposition reports have been received from local criminal justice agencies and added to its records. WSP provides each originating criminal justice agency with a report of dispositions that have been outstanding more than nine months since the date of arrest. The agency must respond within 45 days noting any discrepancies in the report. The results of compliance audits are published annually and distributed to legislative committees dealing with criminal justice issues.

Summary: In conducting its compliance audit, WSP must identify dispositions that have been outstanding a year or longer since the date of arrest. Outstanding dispositions must be researched by WSP staff or the originating criminal justice agency. Upon receipt of a list of outstanding dispositions from WSP, the criminal justice agency must respond within 60 days.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 46 0 House 93 0

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